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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 8, insert - This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S.  
provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/231,378 filed Sep. 8, 2000.--.

**REMARKS**

In this amendment, the specification is being amended to refer to a provisional application,  
priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

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